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PEASANT TO PRESIDENT.

Striking Career of French Statesman
Emile Loubet.

Emile Loubet, the French statesman who rose from a peasant to the presidency of the republic, was born in Marsanne, Drome, France, seventy-one years ago. His father was a peasant proprietor, and the future chief executive of a great nation received but a scanty and common early education. He was ambitious, however, and studied law on his own account, eventually obtaining the degree of laws.

He interested himself in politics early in his legal career. His first office was as mayor of Montelimar. He was so successful that he was rewarded with a seat in the Chamber of Deputies. He entered that body in 1876, and was re-elected again and again. In 1885 he was promoted to the Senate. During the short-lived Tirard cabinet, December 12, 1887, to April 3, 1888, he was Minister of Public Works.

On the refusal of M. de Freycinet to resume the presidency of the cabinet, he was intrusted by President Carnot with the task of organizing the ministry with the larger part of its former constituents, himself assuming the portfolio of the Interior and the presidency of the cabinet. M. Loubet was elected president of the Senate in 1896, and re-elected in January, 1898. He succeeded Felix Faure as president of the French Republic on February 18, 1899, and served to 1906, when he was succeeded by President Fallieres, the present incumbent. M. Loubet proved a highly popular president and won high esteem both at home and abroad.

Our Morning Prayer.

Oh, may I be brave today!
And may I be kind and true,
And greet all men in a gracious way,
And put good cheer in the things I say,
And love in the deeds I do.

May the honest heart of a child be mine,
And the grace of a rose in bloom;
Let me fill the day with a hope divine,
And turn my face to the sky's glad shine,
With never a cloud of gloom.

With the golden levers of love and light,
Through a path of kindly deeds made bright,
I come to the bash of the starlit night,
I would rest in peace—Amen.
—Nixon Waterman

Hotel Arrivals.

At the Miller: D. C. Miller and wife, Mrs. S. G. Douglas, A. M. Gibson, San Benito; W. C. Wresberg, San Benito; S. A. Robertson, San Benito; L. Felton, San Benito; E. B. Raymondville; Ralph R. Longley, Lincoln, Neb.; R. D. Stelle, McAllen; L. C. Pace, Lincoln, Neb.; L. H. Romig, Mission; I. B. McFarland, Harlingen; R. H. Kern, Jr., Santa Maria; B. C. Julien and wife, San Benito; R. L. Morgan and wife, Baton Rouge, La.; Jno. J. Clossner, Chapin; Jno. J. Loudon and wife, Addison, Mich.; F. W. Andres, New York; W. H. Rosecrans, Chicago; Ed Roos, San Antonio; S. M. Hargrove, San Forgyee; B. F. Lawler, Refugio; Robert Ingram, Galveston; J. C. Wenman, Galveston; B. A. Meyer, Kentucky; W. J. Lawrence, Yoakam; H. G. Gordon, Aransas Pass; C. A. Hoops, Aransas Pass; F. N. Pettigrew, Fox Lake, Wis.; H. Dickinson, Fox Lake, Wis.; H. A. Graham, Fox Lake, Wis.; W. C. North, Fox Lake, Wis.; Al Keechler, St. Louis; R. E. Wagner, Columbus, Texas; E. A. Grigsby, San Antonio; N. C. Johnson, an Antonio.

Roads Need Proper Management.

Road building and maintenance it has been truly said, should be considered purely from a business standpoint, and the same principles applied to great enterprises in the business world. The policy that governs our public road system if applied to the operation of a railroad would mean ruin to the latter in a very short time. Suppose the management of one of our great railroad systems were turned over to the section bosses each section boss allowed to purchase rolling stock and other necessary supplies, arrange schedules and tariffs, that road would be operated under much the same conditions that our rural highways are at the present time. "Before any great change can take place it is necessary for our road laws to be revised, so that it will be possible to provide one skilled and competent man to direct the road work of the country, with foremen and laborers under his direction, selected because of their fitness for the work. Fortunately, much new legislation for the betterment of roads is at present being enacted. Already about 20 states have adopted some form of legislation which provides for state aid, state supervision, or both. The greatest good has resulted in those states which have removed as far as possible the building and maintenance of state roads from the jurisdiction of county officials." Colman's Rural World.

LONG OUTING ON

LITTLE GASOLINE

Recent Trip by the "Rosita" this Week—Roads Good and Bad—Farmers Hopeful.

From Brownsville almost to Roma and return on thirteen gallons of gasoline and two quarts of oil is the mark set by H. E. Edson with the little Maxwell car, "Rosita."

Leaving Brownsville, Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, he went twelve miles beyond Rio Grande City, returning to town Tuesday night about 8:30. On the upward trip, he carried two passengers to Mission and, near his turning point demonstrated the car for a couple of hours to prospective buyers.

Above Mercedes, Mr. Edson said, the roads are in good condition but in places on this side they are very bad, particularly one stretch near Santa Maria, where the car was bogged on the return trip and had to be pulled out by an ox team.

All along the way, Mr. Edson said farmers with whom he talked felt very hopeful over the outlook for the coming season and pleased with the condition of crops now in the ground.

HATS OFF TO SLATTER.

He's the Bold Virginian Who Has Offered to Marry Carrie Nation.

Let the name of "a Virginian named Slatter" be scratched over the main entrance to the Hall of Fame, between those of Roscoe the Snake Eater and "my friend, Carl Akeny of Chicago," who choked a lion to death with his bare hands and crushed a leopard's lungs with his bare knees. The Washington correspondents—being busy, no doubt, with their Christmas shopping—have neglected to send out the given name of Mr. Slatter, but regarding his valor they are copiously eloquent. He is no common hero of the garden variety—no cheap pursuer of runaway horses or rescuer of boat rockers at Sunday school picnics or slayer of senile hippopotami—but a veritable Olympian, heaven-kissing, unrivalled, unique. To come to the point at once, Mr. Slatter has offered to marry Carrie Nation.

The true quality of this remarkable offer, we fear, will not be apparent at once. On its face, indeed, it appears to be nothing more than an act of reckless bravado—a symptom of a braggadocio spirit, more picturesque than brave. But a careful examination of the nature of human marriage and particularly of marriage with an elderly widow armed to the teeth, invests it with colossal daring. Even under circumstances the most favorable the ordinary man turns pale at the altar. Elaborate precautions are taken to divert his mind from the future, but with all that he still trembles. If it were not for the fact that his faculties are benumbed by the loud music, the rattling of bangles and artificial palms, and ecstatic buzzing of the unmarried ladies in the audience, and the further fact that his distrust is allayed by the appearance of the bride, who is carefully schooled in shrinking gentleness, he would jump out of the window.

But the man who marries Carrie will benefit by no such benign deceptions and anodynes. If there is any music at all it will be the alarming cacophony of fives and snare drums, and Carrie herself will wear no mask of tulle and tulle. Upon her face will be that same stern frown which bar-tenders see in the silent watches of the night; upon her head will be that same black bonnet which has long breathed such eloquent threats, and in her hand will be the ancient symbol and instrument of her grim calling—her glittering hatchet with its sinister liquorish stains. Fancy the agitation of the bridegroom when her glance fixes him! Fancy it—and then fall on your face before that Virginian named Slatter. He belongs to the old race of giants. Of such were the men who braved the demons beyond Jebel-al-Tarik and rid the earth of goblins, tyrants and necromancy.

Chicago's Big Budget.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Chicago's municipal expenditure for 1910 will be the largest in the history of the city. For schools, libraries, water bureau and corporate purposes it will be in the neighborhood of \$55,000,000, which is \$3,000,000 in excess of the largest appropriation heretofore made.

Making the Best of It.

"My boy Johnnie has such a cheerful disposition."
"Yes?"
"Oh, yes. When I make him wash his neck instead of grumbling, he just says he's glad he's not a giraffe."

LAGUNA VISTA

The gem of the Lower Rio Grande Valley is to be sold by

AUCTION SALE

The best opportunity ever offered to obtain a home in the only place in the Lower Rio Grande Valley where you can find a

Home by the Sea

Where Boating, Bathing, Hunting, Fishing, Contentment and Pleasures can be had that are unknown and unthought of away from the Seaside. Get the full benefit of the health laden

Gulf Breezes

by building a home at Laguna Vista. This is the first and will be the last opportunity you will have of purchasing a choice Seaside Home in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

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Read The Folder describing Laguna Vista and its surroundings and then come and let us show you.

The Laguna Vista Club

H. F. STEPHENSON, Manager, Brownsville, Texas
Office, San Roman Building
Phone No. 238

CONTRACTORS NOTICE — Bids will be received at San Benito, Texas, January 5th, 1910, for the construction of a brick office building tile roof; approximate cost \$10,000. Plans and specifications may be seen at our office.

San Benito Land and Water Co.,
San Benito, Texas.
Per. S. A. Robertson, chief engineer.
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Wholesale Fruit and
Produce and Commission Merchants.

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HERALD WANT ADS

FOR SALE—A four horse power gasoline engine. Can be seen in operation at The Herald.

FOR SALE—1000 cords of good wood, regular length at \$1.75 per cord, F. O. B. Pecos, Texas, B. Lanata, P. O. Box 309, Brownsville, Texas.

FOR SALE—Wooden counter, and cash drawer. Cheap. The Herald.

FOR SALE—First class mule. Apply to J. H. Hawkins, on Mesaca near Ohio & Texas Sugar Co.

FOR SALE—Three horse power gasoline engine. Cheap. Box 413, care Herald.

FOR RENT—Cottage on corner of Jefferson and 15th street. For particulars apply to Mr. V. Egly opposite.

FOR RENT OR SALE—The Yznaga residence, formerly known as the Riverside Hotel. Nine splendid rooms and bath. Address Yznaga Bros., P. O. Box 154.

Miscellaneous.

FOR RENT—One large, furnished front room with fireplace in the center of business district. See the South Texas Land Co.

FOR LEASE—250 acres of land 7 miles north of Brownsville on Alice road. Water and all modern improvements. Will lease all or part. Can give possession on December 1st. Enquire of Geo. Champion, Brownsville, Texas.

A BUSINESS MAN'S OPPORTUNITY—FOR SALE—A small stock of general merchandise, store building and lot located in one of the thriving towns on the branch line of the St. L. & M. railroad. Apply to W. C. Craig at Caffarelli Bros., Levee st., Brownsville, Texas.

WANTED—A first class hardware and implement man. Write at once stating salary desired and experience. Must speak Spanish. Address, R. P. Boeye, Donna, Tex.

DESIRABLE rooms one block from post office. Phone 48. 20-1

WANTED—To buy a lot on Elgin, Levee or Washington streets, or on side streets between these streets. State price, size and location, etc. Address P. O. Box 204.

Brownsville likes Magnolia, 16 sales last week is the evidence. Investigate, purchase, and save regrets. A free trip to Houston if you purchase the next three days. G. Helbig.

WANTED—To borrow on one or two years' time, \$2000, secured by improved irrigated land near Donna. Will pay eight per cent and use most of the money to increase value of security. Address, "Farmer," care "The Herald."

BIG MONEY—If you have dollars and sense, or Rio Grande Valley lands, and confidence in yourself you would better see me at Windsor Hotel, Brownsville, Texas. E. L. Foster.

WANTED—Men to learn barber trade. Few weeks required. Best paying work within reach of poor man. Can have shop with small capital. Wages \$12 to \$20 weekly. Wonderful demand for barbers. Catalogue mailed free. Molar Barber College, Dallas, Texas.

WANTED—An experienced traveling man for wholesale grocery house, who commands both the English and Spanish languages. Apply P. O. Drawer "B" Corpus Christi, Texas.

FOR SALE CHEAP FOR CASH—Laundry soap, 50 lb. cases at \$1.00 per case; barbed wire fence at 2.85 a lb. Celaya's Wholesale Grocery Store.

Scented Kisses Not Sent. "I would send you a kiss," wrote little Lucy to her papa, "but I have been eating onions."

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